

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

By Moore

A RESOLUTION to honor Jane Branstetter Stranch of Nashville upon her confirmation to the Sixth Circuit of the United States Court of Appeals.

WHEREAS, Jane Branstetter Stranch of Nashville was nominated on August 7, 2009, by the President of the United States of America to serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit which hears appeals from federal courts in Tennessee, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio; and

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2010, the United States Senate confirmed the nomination of Jane Branstetter Stranch to the federal bench, and she was subsequently sworn in on September 24, 2010; and

WHEREAS, a summa cum laude graduate of Vanderbilt University, Jane Branstetter Stranch received her Juris Doctorate from Vanderbilt School of Law in 1978 and would eventually join the law firm of Branstetter, Stranch & Jennings, originally founded by her father, Cecil D. Branstetter, Sr. in 1952; and

WHEREAS, beginning her legal career as a law clerk with the firm during the summers while she was still at Vanderbilt School of Law, Jane Branstetter Stranch joined as an associate in 1978 and was named a partner in the firm in 1986; and

WHEREAS, as an attorney, Jane Branstetter Stranch developed a national practice in labor and employment law, specializing in complex ERISA litigation; her extensive experience allowed her to gain a voluminous and comprehensive knowledge of the evolving issue; and

WHEREAS, serving as Managing Member of Branstetter, Stranch & Jennings at the time of her nomination, Judge Stranch has also previously taught labor law at Belmont University and served on the AFL-CIO Lawyers Coordinating Committee; and

WHEREAS, a distinguished member of her profession, Judge Stranch is a member of the Nashville Bar Association, the Tennessee Bar Association, the National Bar Association, the Lawyers' Association for Women, and a Fellow of the Nashville and Tennessee Bar Foundations; and

WHEREAS, an active member of her community, Judge Jane Branstetter Stranch has given of her time and talents to numerous charitable and civic organizations, including the Bellevue YMCA, St. Luke's Community House, and the Parent Teacher Association of Metro Nashville Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, recognized for her wisdom and experience, Judge Stranch has served on the Vanderbilt University School of Law National Alumni Board and accepted many leadership roles in her church, including service as Vice Chancellor for the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career Jane Branstetter Stranch has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability and integrity, and has won the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues, Tennessee's legal community, and the citizens of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this body recognize this exceptional woman for her service to her community and her commitment to public service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Jane Branstetter Stranch of Nashville upon her confirmation to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.